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Reply to Office Action of April 5, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 29 and 32 to 56 are now pending. Claims 16 to 28, 30 and 31 were canceled. Applicants reserve the right to file those claims in a continuation application.

Claims 29, 32, 44 and 45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for using "and/or." Accordingly, claims 29 and 32 have been rewritten to no longer include the "and/or" term. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 29, 32, 44 and 45, and thus any claims dependent thereon, are allowable and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 29 and 32 to 56 include allowable subject matter. While the rejections of the claims may not be agreed with, to facilitate matters, claims 29, 32, 44 and 45 have been rewritten. It is therefore respectfully requested that any outstanding objections/rejections be withdrawn, and that claims 29, 32, 44 and 45, and their dependent claims 33 to 43 and 45 to 56, be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the objections and rejections have been obviated, and that claims 29 and 32 to 56 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that the objections and rejections be withdrawn, and that the present application issue as early as possible.

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